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Citizens Harmed by Deceptive Disclosure

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Dear (b) (6)

Thank you for contacting Environmental Protection Agency regarding aircraft noise impacts in your community. I understand that you and your neighbors are experiencing discomfort from noise due to military training flights and have concerns regarding the potential effects of noise on quality of life, health, and economic values. As you may know, the applicable federal law addressing noise is the Noise Control Act and the Quiet Communities Act that amends it. The EPA's role in implementing this law has changed over time, as I will explain below.

In 1972, Congress passed the Noise Control Act which directed the EPA to coordinate Federal agencies' noise research and control programs. This involved a number of activities, including consulting on noise standards or regulations, developing noise criteria and public health protection levels, identifying noise generating products and control techniques, developing noise control regulations for motors, engines, and construction, transportation, electrical, and electronic equipment, and studying airport noise.

When Congress amended the Noise Control Act with the Quiet Communities Act of 1978, their emphasis was upon state and local noise control capabilities. By 1981, the Administration concluded that noise issues were best handled at the state or local government level and in 1982 the EPA's noise program funding was phased out. However, federal noise legislation and regulations remain in effect. The EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/air/noise.html> provides information and links that may be of some assistance. Your primary sources of information and response lie at the state and local levels, and also with the federal agencies that have direct authority for aircraft noise, including the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Defense. We offer the following additional resources and contacts that may be of help:

- EPA Office of Air and Radiation, Washington, DC contact to assist you with federal noise regulations: Catrice Jefferson, email: Jefferson.catrice@epa.gov; phone: 202-564-1668
- NAS Whidbey Island comment line for noise complaints: 360-257-6665, or via email: comments.NASW1@navy.mil
- Department of Defense: Air Installations Compatible Use Zones Program, April 1977 which can be accessed through <http://ncpis.epa.gov>
- Federal Aviation Administration, Aviation Noise Ombudsman, AEE-2, 800 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20591; email: 9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov
- Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-1997-04-23/pdf/97-10695.pdf>
- Washington Department of Ecology at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/noise.html>

EPA Region 10 recently submitted scoping comments in response to the U.S. Navy's Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a proposed increase in Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island. Our comments included recommendations regarding analysis of potential noise impacts. We would be happy to share the letter upon request. Please feel free to contact Elaine Somers of my staff at 206-553-2966 or via electronic mail at somers.elaine@epa.gov if you would like more information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. McLerran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" being more prominent and the last name "McLerran" following in a similar style.

Dennis J. McLerran
Regional Administrator

Sound contours associated w/ 2012
Whidbey Island Naval aircraft.



Figure 6-1 DNL Contours for the Cumulative Scenario AAD Aircraft Operations



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